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Blacksmith's Shop
Federal Hill, Maryland

Capsule-Summary

This small brick structure was once the blacksmithy for the rural settlement of Federal Hill. Today it is abandoned, and sits across the road from the modern Poard's Farm Store, setting up an interesting contrast between old and new. The Federal Hill area is the northern boundary for suburban development in this part of Harford County, and one cannot help wonder how long the old building will remain.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Blacksmith shop

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER opposite 4137 Federal Hill Road

CITY, TOWN Federal Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Jarrettsville

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Robert Foard

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 4136 Federal Hill Road

CITY, TOWN Jarrettsville

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 21154

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER 40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small building is located at the edge of RD 165 (Federal Hill Rd.) in the area known as Federal Hill. It is one story high, faces east and has a gable end roof running north-south, and rests on a rubblestone foundation. The walls are ~~XXXXXX~~ of red clay brick laid in American bond (5 Stretcher variation) and are 7 1/2" thick. At the south gable end is the remains of an interior brick end chimney.

The structure is currently used for miscellaneous storage for the farm supply store across the street. When examined in May 1981, there was no sign of a forge or other blacksmithing tools. The interior has been plastered and whitewashed, and a storage loft space constructed of modern materials has been added. As can be observed in the accompanying floorplan, changes have been made to the door and window openings over the years.

East of the older building is Board's Farm Store. This business was begun in 1932 as a chicken hatchery. The business diversified, and the present structure was built in 1945. The building is 3 bays wide by 6 long bays deep (articulated by overhead door openings and pairs of windows) and is extended to the north by a later shed roof wing. It faces RD 165 and has a center entrance on the west facade which is flanked by tripartite show windows. The gable end roof is made distinctive by a flair at the eaves, and the owner reported that Rilco Co. pre-fabricated roof trusses were used that account for this feature. The bulk of this building is constructed of concrete block kneewalls and frame clabboard covered walls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The small settlement of Federal Hill is today defined by the Farming supply store run by the Board family, a business that supplies the professional farmer as well as the backyard gardener. This store is the only business left in an area that once had a store and post office, blacksmithy and wheelwright (according to the 1878 Martenet map). A number of 19th century residences survive, and the countryside still looks much the way it must have one hundred years ago--rolling farmland, mostly open fields. Most of the heavier suburban development has occurred south of Federal Hill, and this countryside is still relatively untouched by tract houses or convenience stores.

The contrast between the modern farm store and the old blacksmithy is an interesting one that tells us how the scale of our environment has changed. The blacksmithy is the 19th century equivalent of this new building across the street, a modern business that has absorbed the function of wheelwright and country store. While many of Harford County's smaller villages have lost all traces of commercial activity, Federal Hill maintains this activity in a rapidly changing environment.

Note-no title search done for this property.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Phillip Lord Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

June 1961

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

850-6000 & 235

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

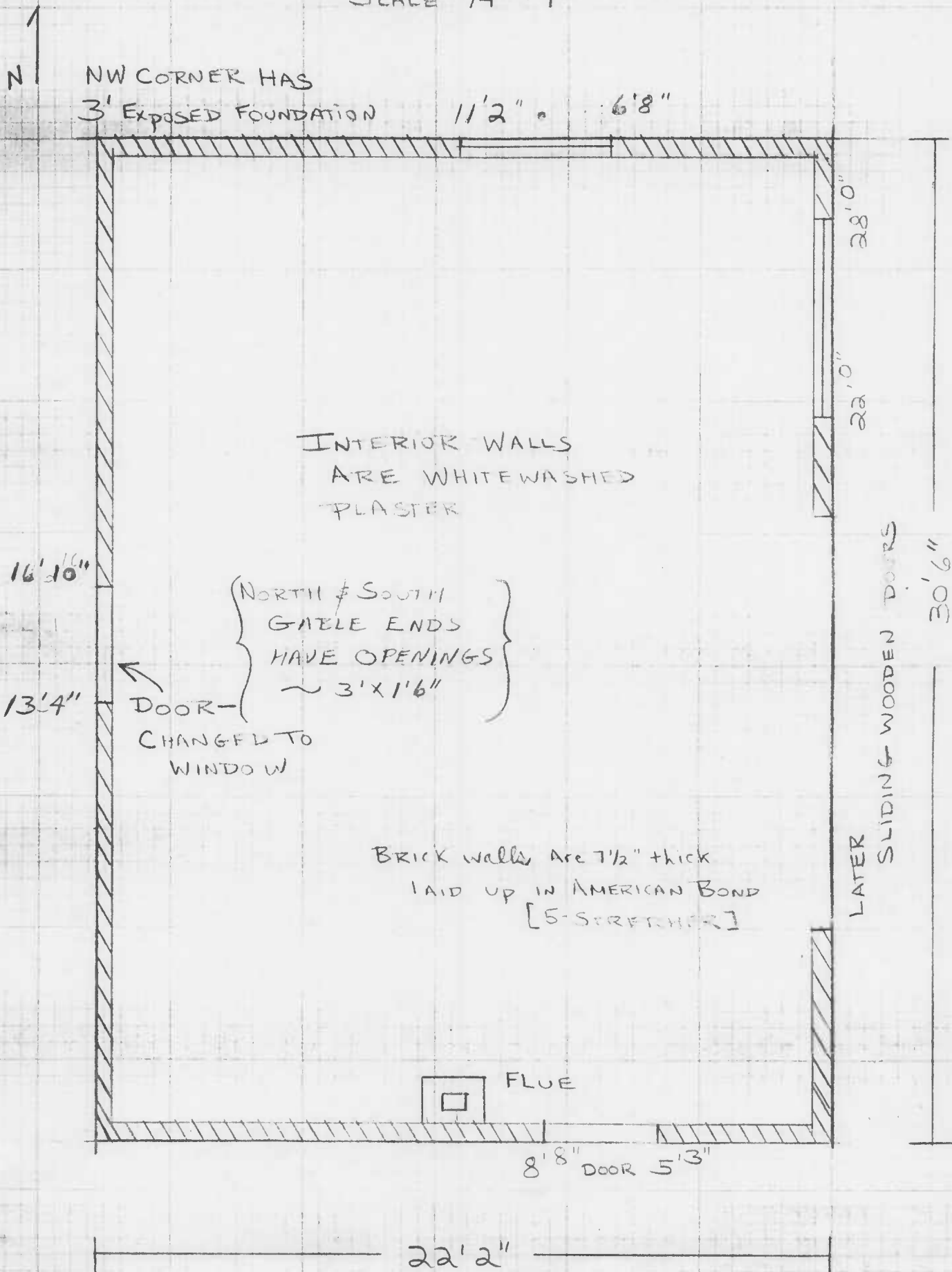
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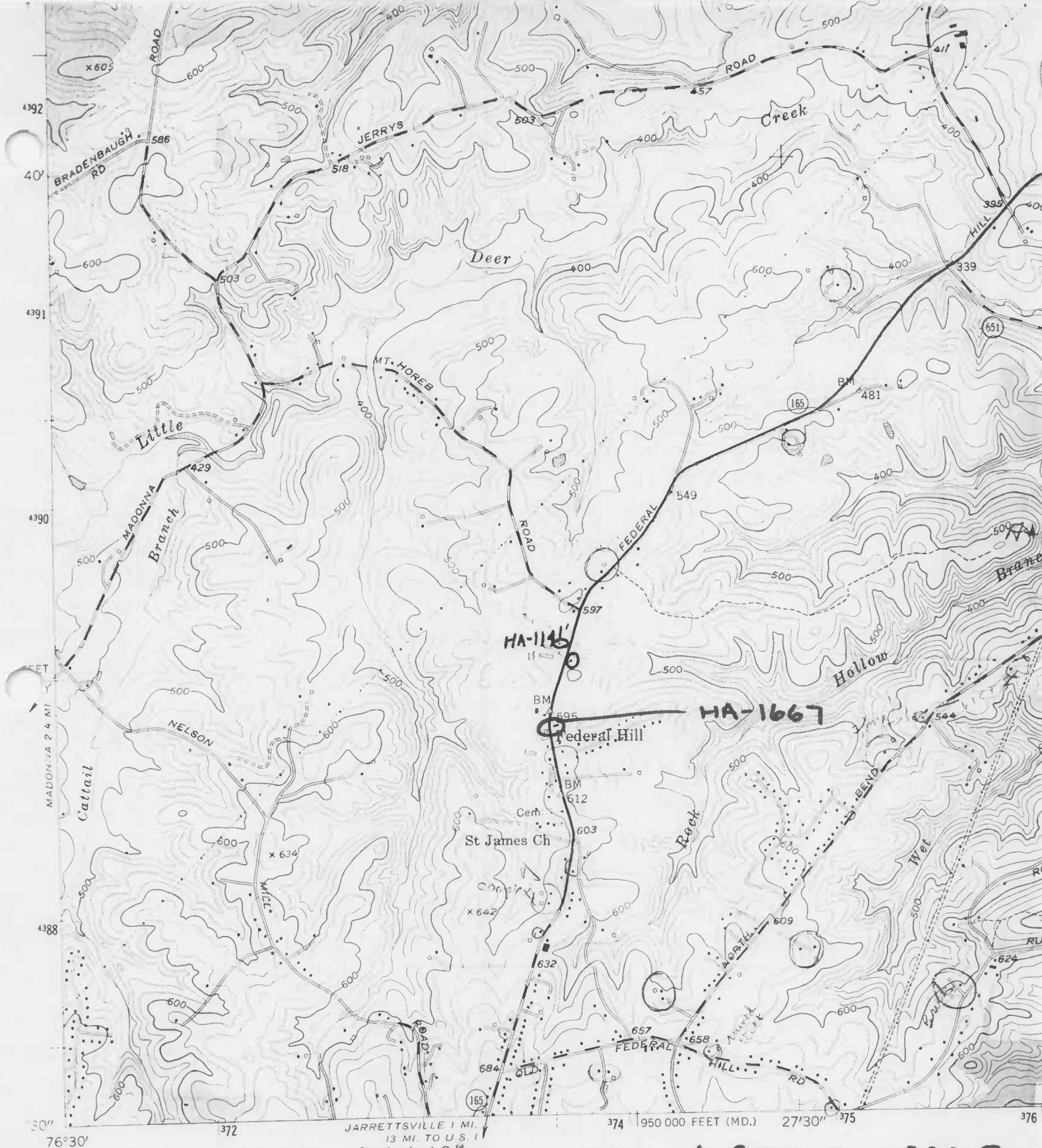
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

BY P. LORD DATE 6/81
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SUBJECT ABANDONED BLACK-
SMITHY
FEDERAL HILL, MD
SCALE $\frac{1}{4}" = 1'$

SHEET NO. 1 OF 1
JOB NO. HA-1667





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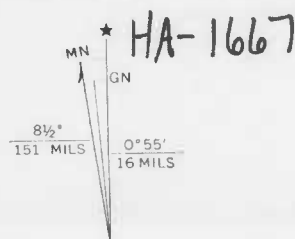
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Aerial photographs taken 1954. Field check 1956

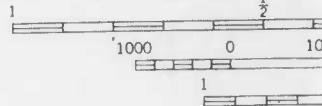
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,
and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

Unchecked elevations are shown in brown

FAWN GROVE USGS QUAD



UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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• SE Elev.

HA-1667
OLD Blacksmithy
FEDERAL Hill, ND



FOARD'S FARM
STORE
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